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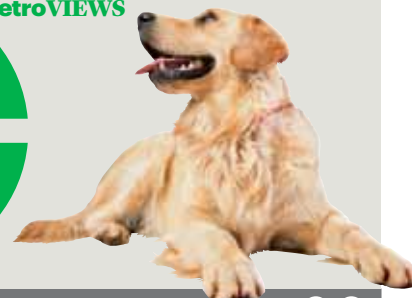


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## Some fare hike relief

**OC TRANSPO**

### Pass fee frozen ahead of low-income debate



**Emma Jackson**  
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The city's most vulnerable residents will get a pass next July when OC Transpo hikes its fares by 2.5 per cent — and could benefit from a new low-income pass as early as January 2017.

The current community pass, available only to people with disabilities, will be frozen to 2015 rates — \$41.75 a month — as OC Transpo prepares to overhaul its fare system ahead of light rail.

"We wanted to ensure we could provide some relief for the second half of 2016," said transit commission chairman Coun. Stephen Blais.

That should get them through to 2017, when a revamped fare system will begin to come online.

Blais said residents can expect a "fulsome discussion" of such fare changes next spring, including the possibility of a new low-income transit pass available to all of Ottawa's poorest people.

"They would be captured in an eventual low-income fare product of some kind," Blais confirmed.

The Healthy Transportation Coalition, a consortium of at least 10 local advocacy groups, has been pushing for such a pass through an online petition, which so far has 561 signatures.

OC Transpo manager John Manconi conceded a low-income pass was being considered earlier this fall, when the transit service announced a 2.5 per cent average fare hike for 2016.

Managers still need to study how many people would qualify and if other fares will absorb the costs, Blais said.

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Canadian Minister of Environment and Climate Change Catherine McKenna speaks during a news conference in Paris Sunday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## ‘Engaged’ in climate talks

### ENVIRONMENT

#### Canada takes an active role in planning global action



**Michael Woods**  
Metro | Ottawa

Although Canada isn't setting new emissions reduction targets for the UN climate change summit in Paris, Environment and Climate Change Minister Catherine McKenna says the country is poised to play an active role in hammering out an agreement between the world's major carbon emitters.

"Some people focus on what is the particular target for particular countries. That's part of this, although we've been clear we're not announcing our new target," McKenna told Metro in an interview on Friday before departing to Paris for the conference.

Canada's focus, she said, is on reaching an "ambitious and impressive global agreement" in which the countries at the table make commitments to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.

The Conservative government set a target earlier this year of a 30 per cent cut in emissions

from 2005 levels by 2030. The Liberals have not revised that target; the federal government and premiers will meet within 90 days after the Paris conference to hammer out new ones.

"Everyone understands that we're going to go back and do the hard work to come up with a new target," McKenna said. "They're looking for us to be at the table, to be behind the scenes pushing for an ambitious agreement."

McKenna, the MP for Ottawa Centre, attended the pre-COP meetings in Paris in early November, declaring "Canada is back" in the fight against climate change. She said she was asked

years to support developing countries in their efforts to cut emissions.

"A lot of developing countries are looking to see developed countries stepping up to the plate," she said. "That's a key element to getting a deal."

With provincial premiers also attending the Paris conference, McKenna said she'll be meeting with provincial environment ministers to continue laying the groundwork for climate talks with them.

Canada's delegation at the conference also includes aboriginal groups, youth groups, environmental NGOs and businesses.



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Catherine McKenna

by a number of key ministers, including French foreign affairs minister Laurent Fabius, to play an active role in negotiations.

"That's what I'm going to do," she said. "Hopefully, every five years countries will come back and come up with a new target that is going to get us to where we need to be."

A key part of Canada's contribution was Friday's announcement of \$2.65 billion over five

Green Party leader Elizabeth May, who is also attending the conference, has called on the government to re-ratify the Kyoto Protocol, signed by Jean Chretien in 1997. The Conservatives withdrew from the accord in 2011.

McKenna didn't say whether or not that is being considered.

"Right now, we're just focused on getting an agreement," she said.

### ENERGY

## 100% Possible march draws David Suzuki, 25K protesters



**Emma Jackson**  
Metro | Ottawa

When Hollywood's aliens attack Planet Earth, humans come together to defend their common home. The same thing must happen to put an end to climate change, says environmental activist David Suzuki.

"We fight together as members of a single species," Suzuki said over the cheers of an estimated 25,000 people, who gathered for the 100% Possible climate march on Sunday. "The urgency of the struggle

is like a war."

The rally wound through Ottawa's downtown core towards Parliament Hill one day before the UN climate summit began in Paris to discuss a binding climate change agreement.

Families, unions, First Nations groups, climate activists and concerned residents all gathered at Ottawa city hall to hear Suzuki and other activists speak before taking to the city's streets.

Despite the doom and gloom that blankets most climate change conversations, the vibe on Sunday was overwhelmingly hopeful.

Strangers danced do-si-dos

to the pounding music and a conga line broke out in the middle of the crowd.

Still, the message was serious: a massive Trojan horse warned of the Trans-Pacific Partnership's unwanted gifts, while Cecil the lion protested poaching and animal suffering around the world.

Organizers of 100% Possible said the shift to a completely renewable energy sector is not only possible, but necessary.

The United Nations Climate Change Conference begins its 12-day summit in Paris Monday, welcoming representatives from 196 countries with the goal of creating a binding

agreement to replace the Kyoto protocol in 2020.

World leaders want to keep global warming below two degrees Celsius over pre-industrial levels, to avoid more serious climate change.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has made a point of supporting climate change action since he was elected Oct. 19, although the Liberal government is not announcing new greenhouse gas emissions targets in time for the conference.

Trudeau said his government will meet with provincial premiers within 90 days of the Paris summit to hammer out new Canadian targets.



Thousands gathered in downtown Ottawa for a climate march on Sunday. **Organizers say a switch to renewable energy is not only possible, but necessary.** EMMA JACKSON/METRO



## 5

**THINGS TO WATCH AT CITY HALL**

It's a busy week at city hall, as draft budgets continue to be rolled out in committee meetings. Everybody wants something – be it more police hires, public washrooms or cheaper bus fares – but (spoiler alert) not everyone will get what's on their wish list while the city faces a major budget squeeze.

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**1 Police budget**

On Monday the Ottawa Police Services Board will be listening to a presentation on the 2016 draft budget. The document includes \$2 million of cost-saving measures to offset a request for 25 new officer hires. The gross operating budget of the draft totals \$308.1 million, meaning a small increase in property taxes. The draft budget report says such a spending increase is critical because of a growing population.

**2 Gotta go on the LRT**

The city's transportation committee will be looking at incorporating accessible public washrooms along the light rail transit route. Right now, two washrooms, budgeted at \$2 million, would be built at common transfer points: Hurdman and Bayview stations. During stage 2 construction, the city plans to have seven washrooms along the line. activists in the Gotta Go group were behind the campaign to have accessible washrooms along the LRT route.

**3 Burying LRT**

Last November the NCC and the city disagreed on whether to partially bury part of the western Confederation Line. Since then a working group with a 100-day deadline has been hashing out a solution to please both groups. In March they proposed a portion of the LRT would run under a rebuilt portion of the Sir John A. Macdonald Parkway. On Tuesday the finance and economic development committee will give the city manager permission to finalize the agreement.

**4 Lansdowne issues**

The city's finance and economic development committee will be discussing the first annual report on the Lansdowne redevelopment. There's a lot packed in the report – including the disappointing news that the city won't be seeing profits any time soon from the project. The committee will also be considering its options when it comes to resolving an expensive disagreement between the Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group (OSEG) and the city on how to pay for \$23.6 million in unexpected costs.

**5 Canada 150 Projects**

Something a little more positive than all the budget blues, the Community and Protective Services committee will be approving a list of projects recommended for funding from the federal "Canada 150" fund.

Most of the projects include upgrades to arenas, skate parks, splash pads and parks. Big potential projects include a \$1 million upgrade of the Bayshore Field House and a \$2 million expansion of the Manotick Arena.

**+ CORRECTION**

Due to a typing error, incorrect information appeared in the Friday, Nov. 27 issue of Metro regarding the number of calls received by the City of Ottawa's 311 call centre last year. The centre, in fact, received 500,000 calls in 2014.



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# Thrown Speech draft leaked

## PARLIAMENT

### Jays' Bautista should pinch-hit for Governor General

#### HOUSE HUMOUR

**Chris Lackner**  
For Metro



It could be the first Speech from the Throne to end in an epic bat flip.

In an unprecedented move, I hear Canada's Governor General will be replaced by bat-flipping Blue Jay José Bautista this Friday to deliver the Liberal government's first "Thrown Speech," outlining its many, many priorities and promises. Thanks to my "leaked draft," here are some choice excerpts:

- To save time, we will introduce a new, simple bill that consists of only 10 words: 'Undo everything Stephen Harper accomplished. No erasies. Triple stamped it.'
- All first, newborn sons shall henceforth be named Ryan, to foster more Canadian Hollywood 'Ryan' stars like Gosling and Reynolds.
- We'd like to reveal that Santa is a Liberal. That's why he's always worn red. In fact, we'll be paying him overtime to hand-stuff families' child-benefit cheques on Christmas Eve Eve.



House Humour columnist Chris Lackner outlines what a throne speech might sound like under a new Liberal government.

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- We are stealing from the NDP early this time by launching our own national drug plan. By spring, government-trained St. Bernards will deliver medicine to the sick and elderly.
- We will launch a new \$5 coin called the Uni, which will fea-

ture Canada's new official animal: the unicorn.

- Stephen Harper's face will now be on the

penny.... Oops! Our bad. Pennies have been discontinued and are basically worthless.

- We will add salt water and dolphins to one of the Great Lakes and rename it 'the Greatest Lake.'

- We will put a price on carbon, but polluters can pay in Canadian Tire money — or their children's UNICEF Halloween boxes.

**Marijuana will be legalized and a sample of B.C. Bud will be distributed along with the 2016 census.**

- We are partnering with Tim Horton's to roll-up-the-rim for middle class tax breaks!
- There will be a national clothing-swap program that allows any NDP voter to trade in all their orange clothing for red.
- In Marvel comics, the Canadian government created Wolverine! So we will engineer a mutant that can extract oil from the ground effortlessly with their mind, and teleport it into fuel tanks. Who needs Keystone now, eh Obama?
- The justice minister will immediately order the Mike Duffy trial extended to 2020.
- We will amend C-51, replacing all of CSIS with one man: Paul Gross, who played Mountie Const. Benton Fraser in TV's *Due South*.
- Everyone earning more than \$200,000 will be required to send us a blank cheque.
- Marijuana will be legalized and a sample of B.C. bud will be distributed along with the 2016 census.
- All public servants are now required to keep a framed, visible, shirtless picture of the prime minister wearing boxing gloves on their desks at all times.

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# Local bloggers hit \$123K web name jackpot

## WEB CULTURE

### Ottawa couple receives large payout for trendy address

**Bryson Masse**  
For Metro | Ottawa

What would you say if you received an email offering you over \$100,000 for your name? A domain name, that is.

An Ottawa blogging couple had a chance to find out when an anonymous company had successfully bid an impressive \$123,321 on their domain name, otherwise known as a web address, trendybloggers.com. While not in the range of the most expensive domain sales like insurance.com, which sold in 2010 for \$35 million, it still was a welcome shock.

"It took us completely by surprise," said Tara Monfared, fashion stylist and blogger at what will now be trendybloggers.ca, a fashion and lifestyle online magazine. "We're still in shock, really."

On what turned out to be a very profitable lark, Monfared placed the online magazine's domain up on website address vendor GoDaddy's premium listings.

Premium listings are where larger companies can bid on website names that are expired or already owned by smaller outfits. It's not every day you can make it big from selling website addresses, but occasionally, it does happen.

"It's all about opportunity," said David Aslani, founder and CEO of Ottawa web marketing shop captiv8 Innovations.

"Registering a clever domain name today and expecting to make \$120,000 is like buying a lottery ticket and winning the jackpot. If the market is there, then the fish will bite," says Aslani.

"GoDaddy's platform makes it easy to take your domain idea and profit. Most bids are in the hundreds, but maybe the eager can get lucky, too."

TrendyBloggers will continue as before as they quickly picked up the ".ca" variant of their website to continue working under their original moniker.

Monfared currently runs

## \$35M

Trendybloggers.com isn't the only domain name to be sold for a massive profit. Insurance.com currently holds the record—it sold in 2010 for \$35 million.

TrendyBloggers with a staff of writers from all over Ottawa.

Originally, Monfared's blogging started out as a chance to work on her hobby but has expanded with help from her business manager and boyfriend Martin Vess.

It has not only turned into a publication that reports on today's latest trends but also helps train people new to the fashion blogging scene.

"There's a lot of money to be made in the blogging world," said Monfared. "So we teach them the blogging business and how it works. What we require from them is to publish one article a week, and we have a large team now."

But are there any regrets? "There was definitely hesitation in selling TrendyBloggers.com because it's a powerful domain name and a lot can be done with it," said Monfared.

"But, after discussing it with my partner, we decided it would be a great opportunity for us to peruse other business ventures."

**Registering a clever domain name today and expecting to make \$120,000 is like buying a lottery ticket and winning the jackpot.**

David Aslani, CEO of captiv8 Innovations



"It took us completely by surprise," said Tara Monfared, shown here with boyfriend and business manager Martin Vess. CONTRIBUTED

## TRANSIT

# OC Transpo chairman unveils 2016 fare hikes ahead of budget



**Emma Jackson**  
Metro | Ottawa

OC Transpo managers have detailed how they plan to raise transit fares an average of 2.5 per cent next July, just in time for the budget debate.

Transit commission chairman Coun. Stephen Blais unveiled how the increase will be spread across all types of fares last Friday, despite earlier claims the information wouldn't be available until

next year.

"We wanted to provide certainty for people," Blais said. "There was some concern about how the fare increase would be distributed across the classes."

Coun. Tobi Nussbaum was particularly vocal Nov. 12 that commissioners couldn't approve an averaged increase without knowing exactly how each fare type would change.

The pressure seemed to work. Blais said in a memo to council Friday that, for the sake of "predictability," he had

worked with OC Transpo managers to reveal the fare table earlier than promised – and ahead of the budget debate on Dec. 3.

Most of the proposed increases are within sight of the 2.5 per cent average.

Monthly passes will rise between 2.4 and 2.6 per cent each, amounting to between \$2 and \$3 extra a month.

OC Transpo is staring down an \$11.5-million deficit this year, largely because of unexpected insurance payouts and higher maintenance costs.

## HOW DID YOU FARE?

Fares are going up on July 1, 2016. What will you have to pay next summer?

**Adult regular pass:** Your monthly commute will cost you \$105.75 next July, compared to \$103.25 today. That's an increase of 2.4 per cent.

**U-Pass:** The semester pass for university and college students will go up 2.5 per

cent to \$197.52, an increase of nearly \$5.

**Cash fare:** The regular cash fare will jump ten cents to \$3.65 per trip, a 2.8 per cent increase.

**E-purse on Presto:** The cash fare from your Presto card will jump the most of any fare next year, from \$2.84 to \$3. That's an 8.3 per cent hike since 2014.

**Senior pass:** The dis-

counted monthly pass for people over 65 will go up a dollar to \$42.75.

**Express upgrade:** Riding the express bus with your regular pass? The cost to upgrade is dropping 3.5 per cent, from \$1.44 to \$1.39 if you use your e-purse on your Presto card.

**Community pass:** Your fare is one of two that are frozen at 2015 levels. Next summer, you'll still pay \$41.75.



## IMMIGRATION

## Ministers hear of refugees' struggle

The World Food Program ran out of money last fall to help feed 80,000 people who live at Zaatari, a refugee camp in Jordan near the Syrian border that was set up in the early days of Syria's civil war.

Without the prepaid MasterCard with the \$28 US per person, per month, to buy food at the two official supermarkets in camp, people pulled their children out of school so they could work for grocery money and rates of child marriage rose as a way for families to provide for their daughters.

An influx of cash from international donors — Canada among them — helped alleviate the immediate crisis, a delegation of federal cabinet ministers heard Sunday from WFP and UNICEF officials.

Immigration Minister John McCallum, Health Minister Jane Philpott and Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan were on a one-day visit to Jordan, one of the three countries from which Canada is now in the process of selecting 25,000 Syrian refugees for resettlement in Canada over the coming months.

The program includes \$100 million in aid money, too, some of it going to programs like food assistance to help forestall another such emergency.

The ongoing challenge was clearly on Sajjan's mind.

The reality is most of the refugees Canada will take in between now and the end of February are unlikely to come from Zaatari or camps elsewhere, but from cities and towns. But that hasn't stopped the residents of the camps from hoping they'll get a spot.

"Canadians in Zaatari. Are there good news about resettlement for Zaatari people?" asked one resident, in a tweet to camp manager Hovig Etyemezian, which he read aloud to the group.

"We certainly hope so," said McCallum. "That's why we're here." THE CANADIAN PRESS

### + WORKLOAD

#### Canada opens processing centre in Jordan

A trickle of Syrian refugees seeking to leave Jordan flowed into Canada's processing centre in the capital Amman on Sunday, with 90 people put through a multi-step process.

An immigration official who briefed the ministers suggested that while the centre's goal is to process 500 people a day, that workload will be a challenge. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Authorities screen a family of Syrian refugees for potential passage to Canada in Amman on Sunday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## CITIZENSHIP

## Man set to recant oath to the Queen

A soon-to-be Canadian has served notice he plans to recant the mandatory Oath of Allegiance to the Queen immediately after he becomes a citizen.

In a letter sent to the citizenship court judge earlier this month, Dror Bar-Natan states his opposition to the oath, which he calls "repulsive," and his plan to renege on the pledge following his citizenship ceremony on Monday.

Bar-Natan, 49, is a math pro-



**I am going to tell the citizenship judge, 'I hereby completely disavow it.'**

Dror Bar-Natan

fessor from Israel who has been in Canada for 13 years.

THE CANADIAN PRESS



### RESPECTS TO PARIS TRUDEAU JOINS OTHER DIGNITARIES

Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard (left to right), Montreal Mayor Denis Coderre, Mayor of Paris Anne Hidalgo, French Prime Minister Manuel Valls, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his wife Sophie Gregoire-Trudeau, and Canadian Ambassador to France Lawrence Cannon pay their respects in Paris on Sunday at a memorial outside the Bataclan Cafe, one of the sites of the Nov. 13 terrorist attacks.

At Sunday's ceremony, singer Veronic Dicaire performed the Quebec ballad Quand les hommes vivront d'amour (When men will live for love), and kids from a Quebec school board laid flowers in front of the locale.

Trudeau called his visit to the Bataclan "extremely touching."

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# Hollande, Trudeau talk security in Paris

## MILITARY

## Canadian PM affirms solidarity in terrorist fight

French President Francois Hollande appeared to give his blessing to Canada's proposed withdrawal of its fighter jets from the bombing campaign against Islamic militants after meeting Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on Sunday at the

Elysee Palace.

The fight against the Islamic State in Syria and the Levant (ISIL), has taken on new urgency in France after terrorists claiming to be inspired by the movement killed 130 people earlier this month in Paris in seven co-ordinated attacks.

Hollande has been travelling the world drumming up support for a massive military response, including more air strikes by more countries, at exactly the same time Trudeau's government says it will remove Canada's six CF18s

from Iraq and Syria and step up military training instead.

Hollande said he and Trudeau had spoken about security, the battle against radicalism and diplomacy.

"But we also have to act militarily," said Hollande, adding Trudeau affirmed Canada's solidarity in the global fight and each country should contribute "within their own means."

Trudeau said Saturday the shadow of the recent terrorist attacks in Paris has made world leaders eager to show up in solidarity at the Paris climate

talks that begin Monday, and he was optimistic of a positive outcome despite the absence of credible emissions-cutting plans to stop global warming.

Foreign Affairs Minister Stephane Dion and Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, held a news conference Sunday in Paris at the government-run Canada Cultural Centre where the Canadian optimism briefly foundered on the question of whether a Paris climate deal will be legally binding.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

## POLITICS

## Overhaul to include gender-parity goal

The federal Liberals say they plan to extend a vow of gender parity in cabinet to ensure the same outcome in the hundreds of appointments the government makes to boards, agencies and Crown corporations.

The Liberals promised in the election to overhaul an appointment process that now is conducted behind closed doors and was sometimes mired in accusations of political patronage for government donors or failed candidates.

The party has vowed to create an outside body to recom-

mend new senators, a model similar to one used in Britain for government-wide appointments to boards and agencies made by cabinet and ministers.

The Liberals didn't provide details of how the appointments process, which they now oversee, will work.

"Appointments will be open, transparent and merit-based and we will ensure gender parity and that more indigenous peoples and minority groups are reflected in positions of leadership," said Olivier Duchesneau, deputy director

**Maybe they don't have Harvard degrees or Yale degrees, but it's also OK to appoint people with common sense.**

Penny Collette, former head of appointments

of communications to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

Penny Collette, who was head of appointments for former prime minister Jean Chretien, said making the process more transparent would likely require more resources and money for the Prime Minister's

Office and Privy Council Office.

There are also privacy issues a more open process needs to consider so a candidate's employer doesn't hear they might be leaving, and the government needs to define "merit" to avoid accusations of political patronage. THE CANADIAN PRESS



## SUMMIT

## Turkey, EU seek common ground

European Union leaders and the Turkish prime minister sealed a joint summit with a commitment to re-energize Turkey's long-stalled membership talks and bolster their common resolve to deal with the Syrian refugee crisis.

The 28 EU leaders were leaning hard on Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu to stem the flow of migrants seeking a better future in Europe's heartland and European Council President Donald Tusk said the latest estimate showed that "approximately 1.5 million people" had illegally entered the bloc this year, many coming through Turkey.

It left the EU in need of help from Ankara, even if their recent relations have been sown with discord. On Sunday, it was hugs all around as Tusk and Davutoglu completed what they called a breakthrough summit to put relations on an even keel again.

Both sides got concessions: The EU desperately needs Turkish help to contain the flow of migrants into the bloc, and Turkey resuscitated long-mothballed hopes to join a bloc in which it would, by population, become the biggest single member. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



**We expect to see an immediate and substantial reduction of irregular migrants arriving to Europe.**

Prime Minister  
Ahmet Davutoglu



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**1 Frankfurt, Germany** — A woman wears a gas mask during a protest rally to promote climate protection on Sunday. **FRANK RUMPENHORST/DPA VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

**2 Paris, France** — Police fight with activists during a protest ahead of the 2015 Paris Climate Conference at the place de la Republique. **LAURENT CIPRIANI/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

**3 Madrid, Spain** — A protester dressed as a polar bear marches with others through the streets of central Madrid holding banners reading: "We are unstoppable, let's save the climate," during the Global Climate March. **DANIEL OCHOA DE OLZA/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# Global rallies calling for action on climate

## ENVIRONMENT

## French police fire tear gas as protests rage on in Paris

Hundreds of thousands of people have taken part in rallies around the world on Sunday, calling on leaders to halt climate change on the eve of a major conference in Paris.

Violence quickly erupted

between French riot police and a group of several hundred at a major square in Paris that was the site of a peaceful demonstration earlier. Police fired tear gas to disperse protesters throwing projectiles.

An organizer of the rallies, Avaaz, said that early estimates of marchers around the globe show 570,000 people marched in 175 countries.

Here are some of the rallies that took place in Europe on Sunday.

Thousands of demonstrators gathered in central Paris and formed a human chain along the route of a long-planned protest march that was banned by the French government in a security crackdown following the Nov. 13 Paris attacks. Nearby, thousands of shoes, some decorated, were placed at the Place de la Republique to symbolize the many feet that could not march because of the ban.

Thousands of people marched through London,

urging world leaders not to blow their chance to take strong action on climate change.

Actress Emma Thompson, designer Vivienne Westwood and Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn are among demonstrators urging politicians to strike a binding agreement at climate talks in Paris.

About 4,000 people held a rally in the German capital, marching from Berlin's train station to the Brandenburg Gate to listen to speeches and music. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## + ARRESTS

French Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve said 174 people in Paris were jailed for possible charges. He said, separately, that 26 people have been placed under house arrest, stressing they weren't militants but people known for violence in the past. Some protesters chanted "a state of emergency is a police state."

## SYRIAN CRISIS

## Citizenship process tough for refugee children born in Iraq

Aria is stateless. Like thousands of other children born to Syrian refugees living in Iraq, the 10-month-old girl is beginning her life in legal limbo.

Some 240,000 refugees who fled the fighting in Syria now live in Iraq, where among many other hardships, they are often unable to get their children citizenship in either country.

"It's required to have a nationality," said Azad Khalil, the girl's father. "She doesn't exist in any records (in Syria) because

she was born here."

Syrian refugees who have children in Iraq's Kurdistan region are entitled to apply for official birth certificates from local authorities, but many families don't. Refugee camps are often far away from government buildings in major cities, so many children are left without the most basic documentation.

Khalil said he can only apply for citizenship for his daughter if the family returns to Syria.

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**A Syrian refugee woman holds her children at an informal tented settlement in northern Iraq.** **SEIVAN M. SALIM/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## SYRIA

### Airstrikes kill at least 18

Airstrikes believed to have been carried out by Russian warplanes killed at least 18 civilians and wounded dozens more on Sunday in a northern Syrian town held by insurgents, Syrian opposition media reported.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the airstrikes struck the town of Ariha, killing at least four children and wounding dozens more. The Observatory said three buildings were destroyed in the chaos.

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## PROTEST

## Israel suspends peace talks over label issue

Israel on Sunday suspended contacts with European Union representatives on Mideast peace issues to protest the 28-nation bloc's decision to label Israeli exports from the West Bank.

The decision, which deepened a fissure with the EU over the labeling issue, came as a rash of Palestinian attacks showed no signs of relenting. In Sunday's violence, Palestinians carried out two new stabbing attacks — wound-

ing a woman and a police officer. One of the assailants was shot dead.

Israel has been up in arms since the EU announced this month that goods produced in Israeli settlements must have special labels and cannot say they were made in Israel. Israel has said the decision is discriminatory and unfairly singles out Israel, while the EU says it is a technical matter to clarify the origins of the products. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



# 'Madman' kills three in clinic

## DOMESTIC TERRORISM

### Motive not yet clear for spree at Planned Parenthood

Robert Lewis Dear, the suspected gunman in a deadly shooting at a women's health clinic that offers abortions, said "no more baby parts" after his arrest, a law enforcement official said.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity, not authorized to speak publicly about the investigation.

Police said they will not disclose why the gunman opened fire at the Planned Parenthood clinic, killing three people. Colorado Springs police said in a statement they are sealing the warrants related to the case against 57-year-old Robert Lewis Dear. They are not providing information on the weapon used.

Dear is expected to make his first court appearance Monday.

Planned Parenthood, a national organization, has cited witnesses as saying the gunman was motivated by his opposition to abortion, one of America's most sensitive issues.

In July, anti-abortion activists released undercover video they said showed Planned Parenthood personnel negotiating the sale of fetal organs. Planned Parenthood has denied seeking any payments beyond legally permitted reimbursement costs for donating the organs to researchers. Still, the National Abortion Federation says it has since seen a rise in threats at clinics nationwide.

Anti-abortion activists, part of a group called the Center for Medical Progress, denounced the "barbaric killing spree in Colorado Springs by a violent madman" and offered prayers for the dead and wounded and for their families.

The Planned Parenthood

clinic has long been the site of anti-abortion protests, but a Roman Catholic priest who has held weekly Mass in front of it for 20 years said Dear wasn't part of his group.

"I don't recognize him at all," the Rev. Bill Carmody said.

At a vigil Saturday for the victims, Rev. Nori Rost called the gunman a "domestic terrorist."

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## + SUSPECT

### Dear divided time between cabin, trailer

Dear lived part of the time in a cabin with no electricity or running water in North Carolina. Neighbours said when he spoke it was a rambling combination of topics that didn't make sense. Authorities searched the suspect's Colorado trailer but found no explosives.

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Mourners attend a vigil held Sunday at the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs' campus for those killed in Friday's deadly shooting at a Planned Parenthood clinic on Nov. 28 in Colorado. CHRISTIAN MURDOCK/THE GAZETTE VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## IN BRIEF

### Pope Francis brings message of peace to Africa

Pope Francis plunged Sunday into conflict-wracked Central African Republic and urged the country's Christian and Muslim factions to lay down their weapons and instead arm themselves with peace and forgiveness. "My wish for you, and for all Central Africans, is peace," Francis said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Mortar attack on Mali base kills at least 3, injures 20

Mortars lit up the dawn sky when they were fired on a United Nations base in the northern Mali city of Kidal early Saturday, killing at least three people. Two UN peacekeepers and a contractor were killed in the assault that also injured 20 people. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Thousands of Burkina Faso citizens vote in first election

Thousands of people cast their ballots Sunday in Burkina Faso's first presidential and legislative elections since a popular uprising toppled the nation's longtime leader last year.

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## HOLIDAY SHOPPING

# Black Friday store sales fall as more shoppers go online

Black Friday shopping is shifting from hours spent in line to more time online.

Sales at retail stores on Black Friday fell to \$10.4 billion US this year, down from \$11.6 billion US in 2014, according to preliminary figures from research firm ShopperTrak.

And sales on Thanksgiving dropped to \$1.8 billion US from just over \$2 billion US.

A big reason for the declines is increased online shopping, as Americans hunt down deals on their smartphones, tablets and computers. Another key

# 14.3%

**Amount online sales jumped on Friday compared with last year, according to Adobe, which tracked activity on 4,500 retail websites. Email promotions drove 25 per cent more sales compared with 2014.**

factor: Many retailers are offering bargains long before Thanksgiving, limiting the im-

part of Black Friday specials.

Still, most analysts expect this year's holiday sales to show stronger growth than last year's. Americans are starting to see early signs of pay increases, hiring has been solid in the past year, and low gas prices are leaving more money in shoppers' pockets. "There's a lot of strength in the consumer," said Bill Martin, co-founder of ShopperTrak. Even with the slip in sales, "Black Friday will end up being the number one sales day in retail this year."

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# Big banks focus on cost cutting

Grappling with a perfect storm of economic and operating challenges, Canada's biggest banks are expected to emphasize their efforts to rein in costs as they report their fourth-quarter earnings this week. "They need a catalyst to grow earnings, and increasingly I think the focus is on expenses," said Edward Jones analyst Jim Shanahan.

Analysts will be looking for signs of cracks stemming from continued low oil prices on the banks' loan books.

The first such indications of trouble began to crop up last quarter, when most of the lenders reported higher impaired loans — loans that are unlikely to be repaid in full — to companies in the oil and gas sector.

Despite the spike, the credit problems that have so far surfaced have proven to be manageable for the banks.

Analysts say the brunt of the pain is more likely to be on the consumer loan side — for example, when laid-off workers are unable to pay back their credit cards, consumer loans and mortgage debts.

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**HOG-TIED TRIBUNE COUNTY RUNNING OUT OF WATER** A pig looks out of its pen at Seaboard Foods' Ladder Creek operation near Tribune, Kan. With the water source under the flat, arid prairie nearly exhausted after decades of overuse, county residents narrowly voted five years ago to allow corporate hog-feeding operations to move in to replace failing crop farms, but the company is pumping wells that had been idle for a decade, and environmentalists and some residents are worried that instead of preserving the remaining water, the county will be a desert once the hogs and the water are long gone. CHARLIE RIEDEL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Clean-tech fix eyed for warming woes

## CLIMATE CHANGE

## Gates sparks plan to spend billions on low carbon energy

Government and business leaders are banking on clean energy technology to fight global warming, kicking off this week's high-stakes climate change negotiations in Paris by pledging tens of billions of dollars for research and development.

Microsoft founder and philanthropist Bill Gates, U.S. President Barack Obama and French President Francois Hollande will announce the new initiative on Monday, committing to spend tens of billions of dollars for a technological fix to the planet's climate woes, three current and former officials have said.

"It's quite a big deal," said Jennifer Morgan, global climate director for the World Resources Institute. "It brings

a new kind of burst of energy into the conference right at the beginning on something very important."

The "ambitious" effort to develop clean energies initially involves eight countries — France, the U.S., India, South Korea, Saudi Arabia, Australia, Canada and Norway — according to a French official. These countries would pledge to double their spending on low or no-carbon energy, according to an early version of a document.

The money would focus on research and development of technologies such as energy storage, which could make better use of clean power from wind and solar regardless of the vagaries of weather.

Led by Gates, about 20 private business leaders have signed on to the initiative, making their pledges conditional on governments also pledging more money, said a former U.S. government official who is familiar with the plan.

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## + NOT ENOUGH

**Ban Ki-moon suggests reviews every five years**  
UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon says governments' pledges to cut global warming emissions aren't enough and should be reviewed before 2020.

He endorsed plans for reviewing targets every five years.

More than 180 countries have submitted climate action plans before the UN climate summit in Paris, including pledges to cut or rein in heat-trapping greenhouse gas emissions after 2020, when the new deal is supposed to take effect.

However, scientific analyses show that even if those plans are implemented man-made warming is likely to reach almost 3 Celsius, which is beyond the 2-Celsius goal of the international talks.

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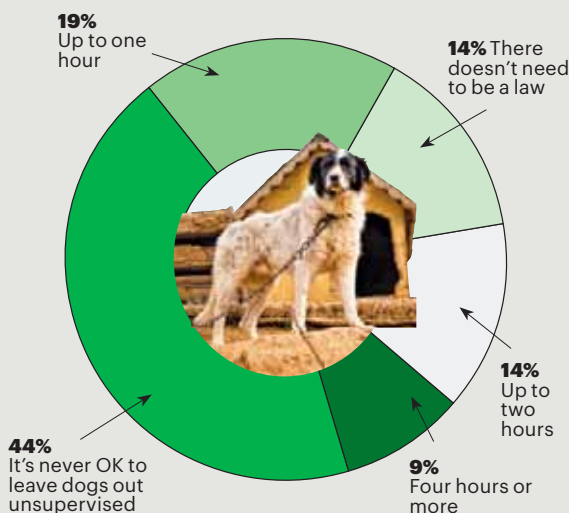
## Metro MONDAY POLL

# The leash you can do

Visit [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca)  
every Friday to  
have your say.

**How long you can** tie up Toto could soon be a matter for the law. Dog tethering bylaws are being introduced in many communities, as animal welfare advocates try to stop a practice they say is cruel and makes dogs more aggressive. The maximum tying-up time ranges from one to four hours. We asked our readers if this should be common sense, or if a crackdown on cruelty is in order.

### 1 How long should you be allowed to leave your dog outside on a leash (in decent weather)?



### 2 What should the penalty be for people who tether dogs outside for extended periods?

41% A fine of more than \$100  
16% A doggy parenting class  
13% A fine of less than \$100  
8% A short jail term  
8% Lock them up and throw away the key!  
14% Other

Second-time offenders should not be allowed to keep animals.

Tie them outside to see how they feel!

### 3 What should people do with their dogs when they need to leave them alone?

52% Leave them in the house (within reason)  
11% Leave them with a dog sitter  
10% Get family or friends to check in  
9% Put them in doggy daycare  
9% Leave them in a fenced yard with plenty of food, water and shelter  
1% Tie them up  
8% Other

When it's warm, our dog loves to be outside most of the day.

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Crate training is safe and effective if your dog can't be trusted in the house.

WE ASKED Metro readers

## metroview

# Fentanyl is a side-effect of overdosing on abstinence

**Tim Querengesser**  
Metro | Edmonton

I'm an addict. The addiction started at 15, and though I've lived long periods free of it, I've never beat it. Every time I've quit without medicine or counselling, I've relapsed.

My addiction is nicotine, and like most dependencies, it won't kill me if smoke again — which evidence shows is likely.

But let's flip the script: If I were physically addicted to, say, fentanyl, 50 times more powerful than heroin, and I quit and relapsed the same way I've done with tobacco, the outcome could be tragic.

As with all opioids people abuse, public-health workers see that heavy users often get clean through abstinence treatment, but then relapse.

Going clean lowers tolerance, so using again puts a person at an extremely high risk of overdose and death.

That the stakes are this high makes what's happening with fentanyl treatment in Alberta a wake-up call for the rest of Canada: It's beyond time we put aside the morality-based abstinence ideal and follow what science shows works: methadone and suboxone. Experts say these medications cut cravings, treat withdrawal symptoms, prevent relapse and save lives.

So far in 2015, 213 Alberta deaths have been attributed to fentanyl, with 55 in the Edmonton zone.

But troublingly, several reports have shown that the number of people on methadone treatment in Alberta is

down, and there are month-long waiting lists to get in.

Elaine Hyshka, a PhD student in the School of Public Health at the University of Alberta, said the problem is complex and not about indifference or political will.

She explained it's partly due to a shortage of doctors licensed to prescribe methadone and suboxone in Alberta, and limited incentives to get them to earn the license. Since the opioid crisis has grown, few doctors will want to prescribe methadone or suboxone, as they'll quickly be overwhelmed with patients.

As Metro Edmonton has reported, mothers of fentanyl users have been desperate to find their children treatment beds — cut access to the drug, goes the thinking, and they'll live another day.

It works, short term. But, Hyshka said, most of Alberta's in-patient addiction beds are abstinence based, and don't include methadone or suboxone. That's a very big problem.

So too is the fact that most in the addictions treatment community saw this situation coming, with the 2012 removal of OxyContin from the prescription (and thus, illicit) market in Alberta.

There was already an opioid problem here, she said, and removing a popular pill didn't kill demand — it just shifted it to a drug that's far more lethal.

The same applies to methadone and suboxone: The demand is there, and abstinence is being used in substitution. It's time that stopped, before more people die.

# Consider crackdown on Vanier's payday problem

## COLLINS' CAPITAL

**Steve Collins**



We don't send tour buses to Vanier's financial district: the Montreal Road cluster of payday loan stores and pawn shops, my favourite of which lists its wares on the front window, including such diverse must-haves as garden tools, swords and drums.

But Peter Kucherepa, a Vanier resident and public servant, has written a report to publicize the exceptional concentration of payday-loan joints in the neighbourhood. He counts 16, (ill-) serving a population of roughly 16,000, or one per 1,000 residents. That's 16 times the provincial average and 24 times the national one.

Half those stores are within a kilometre of one another, centred on Montreal Road, and Kucherepa cites a pile of

studies suggesting the industry targets low-income, high-crime areas where desperation creates demand for quick loans on Faustian terms.

We're used to hearing about dangerous levels of household debt, and the pain we'll be in should today's low interest rates increase, but for many low-income people who don't qualify for credit from mainstream financial institutions, those days are already here. It's hard to escape the conclusion that payday lenders are primarily for people with money troubles to purchase more money troubles.

My experiences with them as a student (and then an unemployed graduate with student loans) were mercifully limited to paying them a cut of a cheque so I could get the rest of the desperately-needed money without waiting days for a bank to process it.

I never fell into the trap of high short-term loan rates,

fees and penalties which allow these outfits to effectively charge up to 600 per cent annual interest in some provinces — 10 times the 60 per cent line the Criminal Code of Canada draws between mere gauging and loan-sharking.

Provincial governments have tried to crack down with regulation and lawsuits, with limited success, though Quebec, Kucherepa notes, simply outlaws annual interest rates above 35 per cent, rendering the business unprofitable.

His paper also lists some measures the city could take, including charging licensing fees for such businesses and prohibiting them from opening within a certain distance of one another. (The expected grandfathering of existing outlets would mean no rapid improvement in Vanier, but might halt further saturation.)

Requiring the lenders to post annualized rates of interest on their loans could give

potential customers a needed dose of sticker shock.

Some problems, however, get more attention than others. Another spike in shootings has the mayor and police chief talking about yet another crackdown on gangs.

As always in our comparatively safe city, most of these shootings were verb-intransitive — someone discharged a firearm, but nobody got shot. Two of the more serious incidents, the killing of Dady Junior Jean on Nov. 14 and the wounding of another man on Nov. 21, both incidentally transpired near Vanier's hard-sell, high-interest financial district.

Kucherepa will talk about his research 6 p.m. Tuesday night at the Richelieu-Vanier Community Centre.

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# Country music's bumpy ride

TEBEY OTTOH

## Singer still grinding away despite early Nashville success

Tebey Ottoh wasn't old enough to drive when he first managed to get his boot in the door of Nashville's impregnable country scene, and he certainly wasn't old enough to understand his luck.

He was 14 when he won a country singing contest in Simcoe, Ont., a competition he had previously conquered as young as six. This time, the prize included studio time in Toronto, which the adolescent Ottoh used to craft his debut demo.

Naively, he mailed it to the record companies in Nashville and waited.

"Everyone knows that's not how you get a record deal," he recalled, sipping a vodka and Red Bull at the Rock 'n' Horse Saloon in Toronto. "Those things just go in the garbage."

In Ottoh's case, however, the demo caught the ear of the president of MCA Records, who summoned the teen to Nashville and promptly signed him to a development deal.

"I'm thinking as a 15-year-old kid: 'Wow. That was really easy.'"

The next 17 years would prove him wrong.

His solo career would suffer several false starts and supposed finishes, and before he would get the chance to write songs for One Direction, Cher or, well, himself,



**MCA Records signed Tebey Ottoh to a development deal at 15 years old, but by the time he was 20, it was all gone. So he turned to songwriting, penning songs for the likes of One Direction and Cher.** TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

he would have to prove exactly how much he wanted it.

Early on, however, music came naturally. The son of an engineer born in Nigeria who met his mother on a soccer scholarship at Trent University, Ottoh began singing in church at age five.

It was with his father that he shuffled to Music City, with the rest of his family remaining in Burlington, Ont.

By 17, he had shifted to a different record label, but the opportunities were no less abundant.

He had an American publishing deal, a star producer (Bob Rock) and a famously tenacious

manager (Bruce Allen).

It amounted to almost nothing. "I had everything I could have ever dreamed of as an artist at 17 years old," he said.

"And by the time I was 20, it was all gone. I lost my record deal. I lost my publishing deal. I parted ways with Bruce.

"That brought me back down to earth pretty quick."

It also brought Ottoh back to Canada, where he was dejected but undeterred.

Soon, he found that he could extract more mileage by putting his songs into the hands (or voices) of others.

He wrote music for Canadian Idol and hits started trickling in: Run for Rex Goudie, Let's Go for Shawn Desman.

He then received a call from his old Nashville buddy, John Rich, one half of Big & Rich. Coming off two platinum albums, Big & Rich wanted to record Ottoh's song Radio on their next album.

With that, Ottoh shuttled back to Tennessee and there he began scattering hits to every part of the musical field.

He penned tunes for One Direction, Cher, Flo Rida, Pixie Lott and Emerson Drive. Even here, his dogged nature stood out.

"Sometimes you'll sit down with a writer and they want to get that song done today," said Emerson Drive guitarist Danick Dupelle. "Not him. He doesn't settle for the easy way out."

Despite his success, however, Ottoh wasn't content filtering his compositions through other voices.

He went solo again, his first name only, with 2012's appropriately titled *The Wait*, then 2014's *Two*. The former managed to chart only one song, but he's had more traction since: his past six singles have all placed in Canadian country radio's Top 40.

## THE SONGS

Tebey Ottoh has written songs for some big artists — here are the stories behind two.

### • Shawn Desman, *Let's Go*:

Tebey was in Africa when Desman's producer let him know that this buoyant tune would be the first single on his next album. The only problem? "I honestly didn't remember writing that song," Ottoh admits. "That's pretty embarrassing." Still, Desman and Ottoh remained close; Desman was even a groomsman at Ottoh's wedding.

### • Cher, *Take It Like A Man*:

Ottah and his collaborators initially wrote this song for the U.K. girl group The Saturdays, before it wound up with the beloved club siren. "When you think about it, it's like a perfect gay anthem for Cher, even though we didn't make it that way," he said.

The last two years in a row, Ottoh was nominated for the Rising Star trophy at the CCMA's.

The moniker might seem absurd for an artist nearing his 20th year, but it's also, in a way, fitting. "Some people shoot to the top very quickly," he said.

"Others have to grind it out. And I feel that I'm going to grind it out."

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Clive Owen plays Dr. John Thackery, a "sweat-soaked dope addict" on Steven Soderbergh's *The Knick*. CONTRIBUTED

JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

## Privilege and the pervert

### MOMENT

### The Knick puts entitlement on the operating table

**The Knick: Season 2, Episode 2 (TMN)**

It's the early 1900s, and Herman Barrow (Jeremy Bobb), the greedy administrator of New York's gritty Knickerbocker Hospital, has made a deal with a whorehouse owner: He can sneak in girls for treatments in exchange for kickbacks. Barrow knows Nurse Elkins (Eve Hewson) will be discreet; he's got dirt on her.

But what about the doctor — grey-haired, genteel — who's just popped into the room unexpectedly? The doctor regards the whores. Barrow and Elkins hold their breath.

"Such lovely ladies," the doctor coos, choosing one to sit on the examining table. Elkins brings him stirrups. "Oh, I don't need those, they can put their legs on my shoulders," he says, jolly as Santa Claus. "I don't need swabs either, a close look and a good nose are enough."

Eeewww.

This series revels in the gore of early 20th-century medicine — there's always a jagged bone on display, a rotting patch of skin to drain. The lead character, Dr. John Thackery (Clive Owen) — not the doctor in this scene — may be a brilliant surgeon, but he's also a sweat-soaked dope addict.

The grotesqueries that director Steven Soderbergh (who helms every episode) and his writers are really exposing, though, are those of human behaviour: not only chauvinism, but also racism and classism.

Because *The Knick* takes in all patients, from destitute immigrants to high society, characters like the jolly doctor can demean others with casual entitlement. Soderbergh's point, of course, is that demeaning is still rampant. Less overtly displayed, perhaps, but putrid nonetheless.

The *Knick* can be seen on demand at TMN GO. New episodes can be seen Fridays at 11 p.m. on HBO Canada.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

### RATINGS

## Vast majority of TV viewing is live: Report

Even though the overwhelming majority of Canadians still watch live TV, a new study says there has been "rapid" growth in people accessing video on demand through their service providers.

Canadian audience measurement firm Numeris released a report Friday which found about 90 per cent of overall viewing is still live — a broadcast over the air or through cable — as compared with on demand.

But the findings also noted a shift in how younger demographics are watching television.

"Services such as video on demand are relatively new offerings in Canada, but they have been steadily on the rise," the report said.

"Catch-up viewing is growing rapidly, especially for the younger age groups."

In the study, video on demand was considered anything viewed through either

a set-top box or a broadcaster's website or smartphone app. It conducted the study with its radio and TV panel of 5,000 households, made up of 11,000 individuals more than two years old.

Numeris did not consider other sources, such as video streaming services like Netflix and Shomi or illegal online downloads, which are harder to accurately track.

The most common VOD users were women 25 to 49 years old,

with a job, and children under 12 years.

In the United States, many cable channels have been shifting away from determining a TV show's success by its "same-day" ratings numbers, arguing that advertisers should pay based on the popularity of shows over several days of VOD availability.

Last week, Fox became the first of the big U.S. networks to stop providing "same-day" ratings to the public.

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# Give more with maker-made gifts

Holiday shopping doesn't have to be a mindless retail rush. Metro found five Canadian marketplaces that offer carefully curated selections of handmade products from near and far that benefit the artisans, the environment and developing nations. For mindful gift-giving made easy, visit these sites **Henrietta Walmark** METRO LIFE

## FAR & WIDE COLLECTIVE

### Fill more than your own basket

"I think people should feel much more comfortable buying a product from us than investing in a charity. I think it is more efficient," says Far & Wide founder Hedvig Alexander in a video on the company website. Alexander spent more than 15 years working in development in conflict zones where she saw craftspeople struggling to grow their small businesses. She created Far & Wide to help artisans in developing nations connect with buyers around the world.

The Wave Basket, crafted in Ghana, makes an elegant statement as an art object but can also be put to practical use as small storage. [farandwidecollective.ca](http://farandwidecollective.ca)

**Black and Beige Wave Basket, \$169**



## MAGPIE JEWELLERY

### Popping the question?

December is one of the most popular times of the year to propose. Ottawa-based jeweller Magpie offers bespoke engagement rings made with eco-friendly karats of gold, silver and platinum, and ethically-sourced Canadian diamonds and gemstones. They will also re-purpose family heirlooms. Either way you'll get a one-of-a-kind dazzler for your darling. [magpiejewellery.com](http://magpiejewellery.com)



## SONDER MILL

### Tip the balance

Scott Miller discovered maker communities during a global backpacking trip. Four months and 15 countries later, Miller returned home to Toronto, and kept travelling. This time he sought out makers across North America and launched Sonder Mill. The online marketplace carries 2,000 ethically-made, small batch and one-off items by 200 Canadian and American makers.

We love Sonder Mill's handpainted paddles and their leather growler carriers but the balancing trick of this wine bottle stand made from reclaimed barn board will bring a smile to everyone's face. [sondermill.com](http://sondermill.com)

**Son of a Woodcutter wine bottle stand, \$33.43 (price includes shipping)**



## HOW DOES THE STAND WORK?

It looks like magic, but simple physics and centre of balance do the trick. It even works with an empty bottle, but we suggest pairing the stand with a bottle of regional wine to make an eco-complete gift.

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## UNIKATI & CO

### May your slipper socks be merry and bright

Unikati is a Bosnian word for handcrafted, one-of-a-kind objects. The word reflects the heritage of Unikati & Co's co-founders Leila Handanovic and Dina Bajric. While travelling the world, the two best friends quickly figured out that commerce was more important than charity to the artisans they met along the way, and Unikati & Co was born.

The Toronto-based duo's lovingly sourced collection includes toys, scarves, jewellery — their beaded wrap bracelets made in Guatemala are gorgeous — and these cozy and colourful traditional Bosnian slipper socks that will keep toes toasty all winter long. [unikati.ca](http://unikati.ca)

**Long Pape Alina slipper socks, \$55**



## WELCOME

Follow a Bosnian tradition by keeping a basket of slippers near your front door for your guests to enjoy.

## MACAUSLAND'S WOOLEN MILLS

### Counting sheep

MacAusland's on Prince Edward Island has been weaving pure virgin wool blankets since 1932 at a mill that's been in operation since 1870. The fourth generation family business sources raw fleece from the Atlantic provinces and uses old-fashioned machinery to create throws and blankets with 100 per cent Canadian charm. The blankets are available in a variety of colours, sizes and styles. [macauslandswoolenmills.com](http://macauslandswoolenmills.com)

**Blankets start at \$86**





# SPORTS

Tyson Fury defeated Wladimir Klitschko by unanimous decision to end the Ukrainian's 9.5-year reign as heavyweight boxing champion

## Eskimos put Grey Cup on ice

CFL

### Redblacks denied their first league championship

Jordan Lynch's one-yard touchdown run with 3:17 remaining rallied the Edmonton Eskimos to an exciting 26-20 Grey Cup win over the Ottawa Redblacks on Sunday night.

Lynch successfully converted the third-and-one situation to cap a five-play, 78-yard drive. Quarterback Mike Reilly's three-yard pass to Akeem Shavers for the two-point convert erased a 20-18 advantage.

The drive was aided by Edmonton head coach Chris Jones challenging an incompletion that was ultimately changed to pass interference against Ottawa's Brandon Sermons. That gave the Eskimos the ball at the Redblacks' 10-yard line.

It was a dramatic finish for the Investors Group Field sellout of 36,634, the second-smallest Grey Cup attendance since 1975. It was the fourth time the CFL title game was played in Manitoba, and the first since 2006.

Edmonton secured its first Grey Cup title since 2005 and 14th overall in a record 25th appearance. Only Toronto (16) has won more.

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The Eskimos also finished the season registering their 10th straight win, all coming after Reilly returned as the club's starter. He suffered a knee injury in Edmonton's season-opening loss to Toronto.

It was a bitter ending to the season for Ottawa, appearing in its first Grey Cup since a 26-23 loss to Edmonton in 1981. The city's last CFL championship came in 1976 with the former Rough Riders.

The contest was a defensive battle, especially in the second half as Edmonton outscored Ottawa just 9-4. But after falling behind 13-0 early in the first quarter, the Eskimos outscored the Redblacks 26-7.

Edmonton players receive \$16,000 for the win while the Redblacks get \$8,000 apiece. The game-time temperature was -5 C but the 15-kilometre-an-hour wind created a windchill of -10 C.

Jones compiled a 26-10 regular-season record over his two seasons as Edmonton's head



Eskimos quarterback Jordan Lynch celebrates after scoring the game-winning touchdown on Sunday in Winnipeg.

NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

coach. Now the question remains how long he'll remain with reports the Saskatchewan Roughriders will ask permission to speak with Jones about their vacant head coach and GM positions.

This Grey Cup game was indeed a matchup of the best teams in the East and West Divisions. Ottawa (12-6) finished atop the Eastern conference after

winning just two games in its inaugural 2014 season while Edmonton (14-4) finished tied with Calgary for the league's best record but secured top spot in the standings based after winning the season series with the Stampeders.

The Redblacks' Grey Cup appearance capped an amazing transformation for the franchise. On Thursday, head coach Rick

Campbell (coach of the year), quarterback Henry Burris (outstanding player), receiver Brad Sinopoli (top Canadian) and SirVincent Rogers (lineman) were honoured at the league's awards banquet.

But Ottawa finished 0-3 versus Edmonton this year, the first two losses coming in July with Reilly on injured list.

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### + MVP

Mike Reilly was named the game's most valuable player upon completing 21 of 35 pass attempts for 269 yards and two touchdowns. Edmonton's Shamawd Chambers was named the Canadian MVP.

Kobe Bryant's 32,670 points rank third all-time.

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NBA

## Kobe announces his 20th season will be his last

Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers has decided to retire after this season.

The 37-year-old Bryant made the announcement

in a post on The Players' Tribune on Sunday. The decision was not totally unexpected, given that Bryant has said many times in recent weeks that he was considering making his 20th NBA season his last.

There's no more wondering now.

After two decades, two Olympic gold medals, five championship rings, 17 all-star selections, an 81-point game that ranks as the second-best in NBA history and more than 32,000 points, Bryant's career is officially winding down.

# 25.3

Bryant's 25.3 points per game over his career is 11th best in NBA history.

"This season is all I have left to give," Bryant said in what he called a letter entitled "Dear Basketball."

Bryant said in an interview on Sirius XM Radio just last week that "if something changes," he would come back and play next

season. Only a few days later, that's apparently no longer an option.

"My heart can take the pounding. My mind can handle the grind. But my body knows it's time to say goodbye," Bryant wrote in the post. "And that's OK. I'm ready to let you go. I want you to know now. So we both can savour every moment we have left together. The good and the bad. We have given each other all that we have."

Bryant ranks third on the NBA's career scoring list, and only 13 players in league history

played on more championship teams. Bryant helped the Lakers to titles in 2000, 2001, 2002, 2009 and 2010.

"Kobe Bryant is one of the greatest players in the history of our game," NBA commissioner Adam Silver said. "Whether competing in the Finals or hoisting jump shots after midnight in an empty gym, Kobe has an unconditional love for the game. I join Kobe's millions of fans around the world in congratulating him on an outstanding NBA career and thank him for so many thrilling memories." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



# Dominant Dalton helps Bengals prey on weak Rams

NFL

## Green catches two of QB's TD passes, St. Louis lose 4th on skid

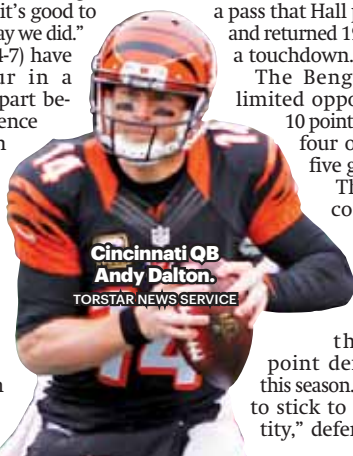
As the touchdown passes and interceptions piled up, it felt like a throwback game for the Bengals. Andy Dalton threw three touchdown passes — two of them to A.J. Green — and Cincinnati emerged from its brief skid with an effort reminiscent of its perfect first half of the season, beating the St. Louis Rams 31-7 on Sunday.

After dropping a pair of close prime-time games, the Bengals (9-2) were back in sync against a team that struggles to score and keep up. The 31 points equaled the second-most against St. Louis this season.

In addition to Dalton's three touchdowns, the Bengals had three interceptions, including one that Leon Hall returned for a touchdown. "I felt like we played well in all phases of the game," Dalton said. "It's good to get a win, and it's good to get a win the way we did."

The Rams (4-7) have dropped four in a row, in large part because their offense ranks last in the league in passing. They switched quarterbacks last week, but Case Keenum got a head injury during a 16-13 loss in Baltimore and was limited in practice.

Nick Foles,



Cincinnati QB Andy Dalton.  
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## + ELSEWHERE

### Chiefs 30, Bills 22

Alex Smith threw for 255 yards and two touchdowns, Spencer Ware ran for 114 yards and a score, and the Chiefs won their fifth straight.

Jeremy Maclin had nine receptions for 160 yards and a touchdown, and Cairo Santos hit three field goals for the Chiefs (6-5).

### Redskins 20, Giants 14

Kirk Cousins threw a 63-yard touchdown pass to DeSean Jackson and scored on a quarterback sneak, Washington intercepted Eli Manning three times, and the Redskins pulled into a tie for the NFC East lead. The Redskins and Giants are both 5-6.

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who started the first nine games, returned. The most costly of his three interceptions came when he avoided the rush and floated a pass that Hall picked off and returned 19 yards for a touchdown.

The Bengals have limited opponents to 10 points or less in four of the last five games.

They were coming off a 34-31 loss at Arizona that was their low point defensively this season. "We need to stick to our identity," defensive end



Bengals' running back Jeremy Hill ran for a season-high 86 yards. ANDY LYONS/GETTY IMAGES

Carlos Dunlap said. "Success is precious. You just have to stick to what you do."

The longest winning streak in Bengals history ended with losses to Houston on Monday night and Arizona on Sunday night. Back at home in an afternoon game, Cincinnati settled down and pulled away.

Dalton was 20 of 27 for 233 yards. He threw touchdown passes of 9 and 18 yards to Green, who hadn't caught two in a game since the third week of the season in Baltimore. Tyler Eifert also had a 22-yarder, giving him the league lead with 12 TD catches. Jeremy Hill ran for a season-high 86 yards. He limped off the field in the fourth quar-

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ter and got his left ankle taped.

Rams coach Jeff Fisher intended to stay with Keenum if he was healthy, but the quarterback didn't have a full practice last week. Foles went 30 of 46 for 228 yards. He has seven touchdowns and nine interceptions this season.

The Rams' best play came when running back Todd Gurley took a snap in the wildcat formation in the second quarter.

He handed off to Tavon Austin, who ran for 60 yards — more than the Rams had managed in all to that point. Austin's 5-yard run finished the drive.

Austin had a team-high 63 yards on four runs. He also caught six passes for 33 yards. Gurley was limited to 19 yards on nine carries, with the Bengals focused on stopping the run game. St. Louis has scored 13 or fewer points in each of the last three games.

There was more self-destruction by the Rams. Broken coverage left Green wide open for his first touchdown catch.

"Probably one of my easiest touchdowns ever," Green said.

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TENNIS

## Davis Cup wait ends for Britain

With one perfect lob, Andy Murray ended eight decades of Davis Cup frustration for Britain.

By beating David Goffin 6-3, 7-5, 6-3 on Sunday, Murray secured Britain's 3-1 victory over Belgium in the Davis Cup final and ended a drought for the country dating back to 1936.

The 79-year gap is the longest between titles in Davis Cup history. "I can't believe we did it," Murray said on court. "We may never get an opportunity to do this again. We should celebrate tonight." Murray won all three points for Britain over the weekend and with his team holding an unassailable lead in the best-of-five series the final singles match was not played.

Britain is the only nation to have competed in all Davis Cup editions since 1900 and its 10th title makes it the third most successful nation after the United States (32) and Australia (28). But the last time it won the team competition, Fred Perry was its star. Britain last played in the final in 1978.

After hitting the backhand lob that clinched the match, Murray fell on his back on the clay at the Flanders Expo arena while his teammates piled atop him before being hoisted by the other British players and coaches. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Andy Murray lifted up by his team after winning. GETTY IMAGES

NBA

## Raptors' run dries up against Suns

There would be no late-game heroics for the Toronto Raptors on Sunday.

DeMar DeRozan poured in 29 points, and DeMarre Carroll added 20, but the Raptors saw their four-game winning streak end against the Phoenix Suns in a 107-102 loss. Mirza Teletovic and Eric Bledsoe led the Suns (8-9) with 20 points apiece.

Kyle Lowry added 17 points and eight assists for the Raptors (11-7). The Raptors were com-

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ing off back-to-back big wins, beating LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers and then edging the Wizards on a Joseph Buzzer-beater Saturday night in Washington.

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## SKIING IN BRIEF

### Norway's Lund wins super-G

Norway's Aksel Lund Svindal won the super-G on Sunday to sweep the two opening World Cup races at Lake Louise in Alberta. Svindal finished in 1 minute, 29.30 seconds, a day after winning the downhill. He missed most of last season because of a torn Achilles tendon.

Austria's Matthias Mayer was second in 1:29.65. Italy's Peter Fill of Italy, second in the downhill, was third in 1:29.75. American Travis Ganong was fourth at 1:29.81.

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### USA's Shiffrin dominates

World Cup slalom in Aspen Mikaela Shiffrin won back-to-back World Cup slalom races in Aspen, overcoming an early mistake in her final run Sunday to easily clinch victory.

The American, 20, finished in 1 minute, 40.18 seconds, beating Frida Hansdotter of Sweden by 2.65 seconds. Sarka Strachova of Czech Republic was third and 2.90 back. Those were the only two competitors close to the reigning Olympic and world slalom champion.

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BIATHLON

## Crawford and Smith win silver for Canada

Canada's Rosanna Crawford and Nathan Smith teamed up to win the silver medal in the season-opening single mixed relay on Sunday at a biathlon (cross-country skiing and shooting) World Cup event. Crawford, from Canmore, Alta., and Calgary's Smith, clocked a time of 36:40.5.

Norway finished 11.9 seconds ahead of the Canadians in a see-saw affair to take the top spot on the podium with a time of 36:27.3. Smith won the sprint for the silver, forcing the Germans

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This is a really great way to start the season.

Nathan Smith

into the bronze-medal position with a time of 36:40.5.

"We knew there was lots of potential in this race so it feels good to deliver," said Crawford.

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# RECIPE Italian Wedding Soup



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**Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh**  
For Metro Canada

You don't need to be getting married to enjoy this hearty, comforting soup.

**Ready in**  
Prep time: 20 minutes  
**Serves 4**

- Ingredients**
- 1/2 lb ground turkey
  - 3 Tbsp bread crumbs or panko
  - 1 Tbsp grated Parmesan
  - 2 cloves garlic, minced and divided
  - 1 Tbsp olive oil
  - 1 onion, finely chopped
  - 2 carrots, chopped into 1/4-inch disks
  - 1 tsp finely chopped fresh rosemary
  - 6 cups low-sodium chicken broth
  - 1 Parmesan cheese rind
  - 3/4 cup orzo
  - 1 head of spinach, chopped into

ribbons  
• Salt and pepper to taste

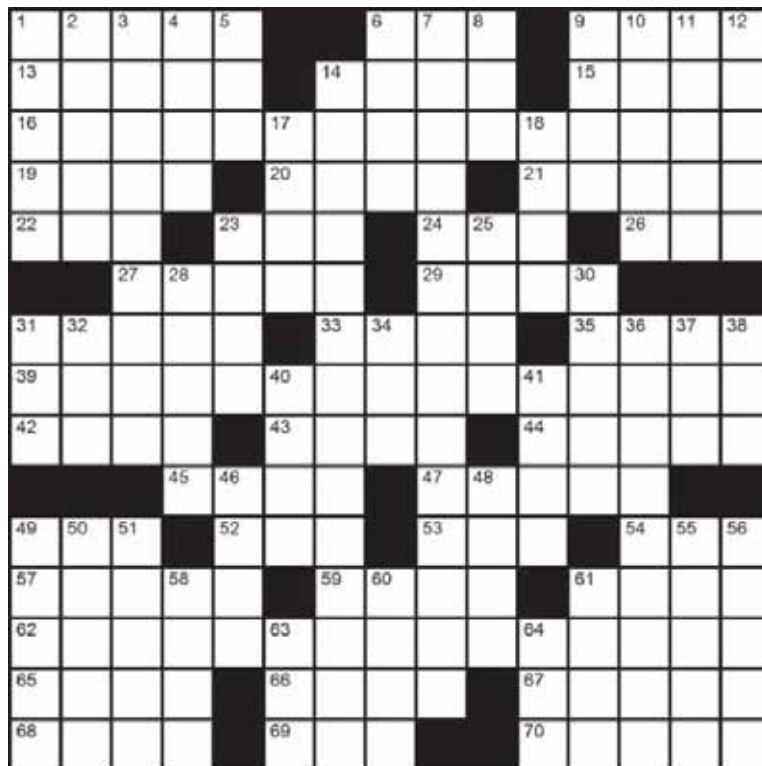
## Directions

1. Preheat your oven to 375 F.
2. In a large bowl, mix turkey, bread crumbs, grated cheese and half of the garlic until well combined. Roll into 1-inch balls. Place meatballs on a baking sheet and bake for 10 minutes.
3. In a large pot, warm olive oil over medium heat. Add onion and carrots and soften for about 3 minutes. Add the remaining garlic and rosemary and cook for another minute.
4. Add broth and the rind of Parmesan. Simmer for 7 minutes.
5. Add the orzo and continue to simmer for 6 minutes. Carefully add the meatballs to the soup and allow to simmer for 4 minutes. Toss in the spinach and stir. Serve with grated Parmesan.

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# CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



## ACROSS

1. Aussie singer Ms. Goodrem
6. Mr. Hope
9. Pencil stubs
13. Self-evident truth
14. Movie studio
15. Maureen Forrester piece
16. \_\_\_-\_\_\_ (Prime Minister Mackenzie King's portrait is on the front of it)
19. Skeddadle
20. "So this ain't the \_\_\_ saw you again, today..." - Heart, "Barracuda"
21. Hydro bill factor
22. Affirmative
23. Grad cap wearer's honour, briefly
24. Bird's beak
26. Skirt's finished edge
27. Burglar
29. There's none during a blackout [abbr.]
31. Cheque recipient
33. Siberian city
35. Roman's 1502
39. What websites do on Cyber Monday: 2 wds.
42. Nest locale
43. Prefix with 'sphere'
44. Brian of Canadian figure skating
45. "\_\_\_ Bridges" (90s series starring Don Johnson)
47. Deluxe
49. '25' for Adele
52. Alkali
53. Rihanna's "\_\_\_ de Replay"

54. Kitchen utens.
57. Ancient Greek city-state
59. Foremost
61. Itty-bitty bit
62. Shorebird that breeds at a similar-sounding (to the answer's first word) Bay in Canada: 2 wds.

65. Hollywood star
66. Annoyance
67. Pumps parts
68. Denizen of Denmark
69. Oom-\_\_\_ (Tuba sound)
70. "When Harry Met \_\_\_" (1989)

## DOWN

1. Duck pal for Bugs Bunny
2. Deport
3. Modus vivendi
4. Hold a handbag
5. Ms. Schumer
6. Daring
7. Lots of it happens on Cyber Monday: 2 wds.
8. Not \_\_\_ long shot
9. Captures
10. Dickensian schemer Mr. Heep
11. Hogwash
12. 1692's witchy vicinity
14. Celtic folk tune

about a Cape Breton river: 4 wds.  
17. '90s band, \_\_\_-Lite  
18. Contraption cartoonist Mr. Goldberg  
23. Carpe \_\_\_!  
25. Ms. Gruning of "Casablanca" (1942)  
28. Stage/film actress Ms. Hayes  
30. Astronaut titles, e.g.  
31. Calif. clock setting  
32. Ireland's \_\_\_  
34. Roman's 1900  
36. Item for drying in the kitchen: 2 wds.  
37. 'Real' suffix in England  
38. Suffix with 'Court'  
40. Simple  
41. Sentence part  
46. Moreover  
48. Lengthy  
49. Ladybug's louse-y lunch  
50. Dutch cheese  
51. Iowa city which is the setting of 1930 painting American Gothic  
55. Tranquil  
56. Fall guy  
58. 1888 W.B. Yeats poem, The Lake \_\_\_ of Innisfree  
60. Oooh's friend  
61. Notion  
63. Tom Mulcair's pol. designation  
64. Surnamesakes of Canadian actress Sandra

# ★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
Don't tell people what you think they want to hear. They will notice if your words sound insincere. Tell the truth, no matter how much it might hurt.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
If you have fallen out with someone now is the time to kiss and make up. You will find just the right words to convey how much you regret any misunderstandings and they will go out of their way to say sorry too.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
Don't push yourself harder than you need to. Cosmic activity in the area of your chart that governs wellbeing encourages you to share your workload. Partners and colleagues will help if you ask nicely.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
Time is precious and you must not waste it. Certainly don't let others waste it. Focus your energy on activities that mean something to you.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
A rival seems to be getting the better of an argument but maybe your opinions are not as good as you thought they were. Check your facts carefully and be ready to admit that you were wrong.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
Not everyone can live up to your high standards so don't make a fuss if someone falls short today. They are more likely to respond to words of encouragement than to accusations that they are not trying hard enough.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
Pay attention only to things that matter personally. If you let your mind wander you may lose to a rival who does not possess your abilities but knows the value of concentration.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
Focus on what is important to the exclusion of everything else. You have wasted a lot of time on things that don't bring you closer to your goals.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
You may be a bit more subdued than usual over the next few days but everything is relative and most likely by other peoples standards you will still be the life and soul of the party. On an inner level though questions need to be answered.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
You know what you like and what you dislike but as from today you will take a more relaxed attitude toward people who think, feel or act in ways you do not always agree with.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
This is an important time for your work and career and over the coming week you will get the chance to make an impression on employers. If you think your talents are being overlooked now is the time to speak up.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
Your thinking will be deeper and wider over the next few days as you leave behind trivial matters and focus on what really counts. Also, try to worry less about money.

## CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

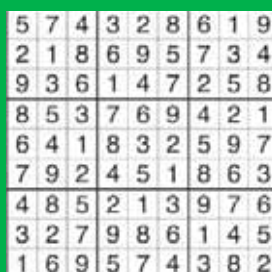
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